North Dakota
Homeland Security
Anti-Terrorism Summary

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Quick Links

North Dakota

City wants to avoid using dikes. This spring, local officials in Jamestown, North Dakota, want to see if they can go without any diking. Officials discussed that issue during an interagency meeting on high water levels April 20. The meeting was convened so all local, state, and federal agencies involved with the high water event communicated with each other in preparation for more water releases from the Jamestown Dam. —We're structuring releases in an attempt to minimize cost and disruption in Jamestown, said the chief of the water control section of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha. The corps plans on increasing the releases from the Jamestown Dam in small increments over the coming days. Each increase will be matched with a corresponding decrease in releases from Pipestem Dam. The process will stop when the releases from Jamestown Dam reach the maximum the river can handle without additional dikes. If rains that require additional releases occur, the city would build dikes that protect city infrastructure, such as water and sewer, but not dikes to protect private property. Source: http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/134184/

Floodwaters batter small North Dakota dams; state unsure how many need post-flooding fixes. The near-failure of a small and aging dam in northwestern North Dakota this spring has put the focus on similar structures elsewhere, with state officials saying that many will likely need repair after a third straight soggy spring, Associated Press reported April 19. Burlington Dam No. 1 ultimately held its ground the week of April 10 against the worst floodwaters from the bloated Des Lacs River, but not before about 200 people were advised to evacuate a threatened part of town as a precaution. Officials do not have a clear picture of how many dams like Burlington's need attention. —It's difficult to put a number on it until we get out there, said North Dakota's state engineer. —I would say more than 10. He and a state dam safety engineer downplayed the danger from such dams, saying that most are low-risk, a definition that means they are in rural or agricultural areas with little possibility of future development. North Dakota has about 3,000 dams, according to state Water Commission records. Some are as small as a couple of feet tall. The commission classifies each dam according to risk, with more stringent construction and maintenance standards applied to the higher-hazard structures. Source:
http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/45f09557f06e4249b56f35437bd5d108/ND--Dam-Damage/

Regional

(Minnesota) **Another Minnesota measles case brings total to 21.** The Minnesota Department of Health is reporting another confirmed case of measles, which brings the total linked to an ongoing outbreak in Hennepin County to 18. The state this year also has seen three isolated cases of measles, meaning the statewide tally now stands at 21. Overall, 13 of the 21 patients with measles this year have required hospitalization — up from 10 hospitalizations last week, the health department reported April 20. There have been no deaths. The latest case extends an outbreak that started in February when a 2-year-old from Minneapolis acquired infection during a trip to Kenya. Source:
http://www.twincities.com/ci_17900600

(Minnesota) **Atwater fire ruled arson: $5,000 reward for information leading to arrest.** The fire that destroyed three business buildings in downtown Atwater, Minesota, was ruled arson April 18, and authorities are offering a $5,000 reward for information. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) carried out a fire scene examination and concluded the fire was deliberately set according to a news release from the ATF. Investigators are looking to the community for any information regarding the fire and are hopeful the reward will help bring new information to solve the crime. Phat Pheasant Pasta & Brew, Holm Brothers Plumbing and Heating, Stickerboy Signs, and Peterson Hardware burned down February 28. Firefighters said it started in the Phat Pheasant restaurant. The total cost of damage to all four businesses is approximately $2 million. Police said it may be difficult to find the right evidence to pin down a suspect. —We have some people of interest, that were seen in town that night around the time of the fire. That's about the extent of it at this time. Very difficult to clear because much of the evidence is destroyed. But the assistance from the community and the fire is drawing the community closer together, a police spokesman said. Source: http://ksax.com/article/stories/S2072591.shtml?cat=10230

National

Nothing Significant to Report

International

Good Friday plot feared after 330-lbs bomb is found near gas-line by Catholic church in Indonesia. Indonesian authorities disrupted a chilling Good Friday terror plot April 22, digging up a massive bomb buried atop a gas pipeline near a church. The country went on "high alert" following the discovery, deploying troops to churches and other locations, officials said. The sinister terror plot was uncovered when authorities rounded up 19 terror suspects, who alerted them to the bomb. The 330-pound explosive device had been placed atop an underground gas pipeline about 100 yards from a Roman Catholic Church outside Jakarta that can hold up to 3,000 people. Investigators said they believed the bomb was set to go off during Good Friday celebrations when the church would be packed. The U.S. embassy issued a warning to American citizens in the country to stay vigilant. "Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence," the warning read. Source: http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/2011/04/21/2011-04-21_good_friday_plot_feared_after_massive_330lbs_bomb_near_gasline_at_catholic_churc.html

Banking and Finance Industry

Customs: Fake coins from China seized. Chicago, Illinois Customs and Border Protection (CBP) intercepted a shipment of counterfeit coins from China last week. After noticing an irregularity in the X-ray of a heavy package being sent to an Illinois residence, customs officials say they discovered 361 coins that appeared to be U.S. Trade Dollar coins with dates between 1873 and 1878. Analysis of the coins revealed that they were made of brass with a thin silver-plated coating. According to a news release from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the original U.S. Trade Dollar coin was minted from 1873 to 1878. Customs officials say some of these coins can be sold for as much as $2,000. According to officials, the recipient of the shipment was intending to sell the fake coins online. "Legitimate traders are being duped into buying these coins believing they are genuine," said the CBP Director of

Field Operations in Chicago. "We strongly recommend buyers or any consumers to be aware and use caution when making these types of purchases on the Internet." Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=8086739

Online poker companies indicted for fraud. The founders of the three largest Internet poker companies have been indicted for bank fraud and money laundering, federal law enforcement officials said April 15. The United States Attorney in New York unsealed the indictment against eleven people, including the founders of PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker, and Absolute Poker. In addition to charges of bank fraud and money laundering, the companies are accused of illegal gambling offenses. The 52-page indictment alleges that the companies, based offshore, used —fraudulent methods to get around U.S. anti-gambling laws and —to receive billions of dollars from U.S. residents who gambled through the Poker Companies. The authorities also issued restraining orders against more than 75 bank accounts, and seized five Internet domain names used by the companies to host their illegal poker games. The companies allegedly arranged for the money from U.S. gamblers to be disguised as payments to hundreds of non-existent online merchants for the purchase of items, such as jewelry and golf balls, according to the indictment. Prosecutors also filed civil charges against the poker companies and several individual —payment processors, seeking at least $3 billion in penalties. Prosecutors also alleged that a part owner of SunFirst Bank in Utah agreed to process Internet gambling transactions in exchange for a $10 million investment in his bank by one of the other defendants. Prosecutors said they are working with Interpol and foreign agencies to secure the arrest of the remaining defendants, who are not presently in the United States. Source: http://money.cnn.com/2011/04/15/news/economy/online_poker_indictments/?section=money_latest

Chemical and Hazardous Materials Sector

(West Virginia) **PPG declares force majeure on caustic soda in North America.** PPG Industries Inc. (PPG), the world's fourth-biggest maker of caustic soda, declared force majeure on North American deliveries of the chemical used to make pulp, alumina and soap because of a factory shutdown. PPG's Natrium plant near New Martinsville, West Virginia, has a mechanical problem, a company spokesman said April 21. The plant, which makes chlorine and caustic, known collectively as chlor-alkali, probably will be down for a "short" period, he said. "There may be limited ability to meet customer demand." Force majeure is a legal clause allowing the suspension of deliveries because of circumstances beyond the supplier's control. Georgia Gulf Corp. (GGC) declared force majeure last week on shipments of polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, partly because of operating problems at its chlor-alkali plant in Plaquemine, Louisiana. Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-20/ppg-declares-force-majeure-on-caustic-soda-in-north-america-1-.html

(Virginia) **US nuclear regulator monitors plant after tornado.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said April 18 it was monitoring a nuclear power plant in southeastern Virginia operated by Dominion Resources after a tornado cut its electrical power. The NRC said Surry Power Station's diesel generators and safety systems operated as required, and that plant operators have partially restored off-site power to the plants. Dominion Virginia Power said the two nuclear reactors at the site shut down automatically when a tornado touched down and cut off an electrical feed to the station. No radiation was released during the storm and shutdown, the NRC and the company said. The situation was described as an —unusual event, the lowest of the four NRC emergency

classification levels. Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/18/usa-nuclear-tornado-idUSN1820298020110418

Commercial Facilities

(California) **Explosive diffused by Yolo bomb squad.** An explosive package police deemed capable of causing —severe devastation was defused April 19 in West Sacramento, California. A West Sacramento Police lieutenant said at about 11:20 a.m., the department responded to the 700 block of Walnut Avenue for a report of a suspicious package. He said the person that reported finding the device stated he found it in a trash container of a nearby business and took it to Walnut Avenue on his bicycle before calling the police. Officers arrived and confirmed that there was what appeared to be an explosive device. Police said a perimeter was established and residences were evacuated. The Yolo County Bomb Squad, along with the assistance of Sacramento County and California Highway Patrol Bomb Squads, responded and rendered the device safe. Police said the device appeared to be homemade and placed in a canister capable of causing severe devastation. The criminal investigation is ongoing to see if there is any evidence to determine who was responsible for leaving this device. Source: http://www.dailydemocrat.com/news/ci_17889745

Communications Sector

Nothing Significant to Report

Critical Manufacturing

Toyota to recall 300,000 vehicles. Toyota announced April 22 it is recalling more than 300,000 vehicles because of defective sensors that could inadvertently trigger deployment of the airbags in certain RAV4 and Highlander models. The problem involves two "roll-sensing" sensors in the vehicles designed "to detect vehicle roll angle." Failure of one or both of the sensors could result in either the rollover system being disabled, or the air bags suddenly deploying. The recall affects 214,000 RAV4s from the 2007 and 2008 model year, and 94,000 Highlanders from the 2008 model year, the company said. All of the vehicles involved were sold in North America. The company said affected customers will begin receiving recall notices by mail in May. Source: http://www.freep.com/article/20110422/BUSINESS06/104220343/Toyota-recall-300-000-vehicles

Cub Cadet recalls riding lawn mowers due to fire hazard. MTD Consumer Group Inc, of Cleveland, Ohio, issued a recall April 13 for about 4,300 Cub Cadet riding lawn mowers. A fuel leak can occur near the rear mounting screws on the bottom of the fuel tank, posing a fire hazard. No incidents or injuries have been reported. The riding mowers were sold by Cub Cadet dealers nationwide from February 2011 through March 2011. Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11733.html

Lennox Industries recalls to repair garage heaters due to fire hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Lennox Industries Inc., announced a voluntaryrecall of the Lennox garage heaters. Some heaters were manufactured without a required flame rollout switch, which is a back-up device that shuts down the heater in the event of a heater failure. This poses a fire hazard. The heaters were sold at Lennox Industries dealers and distributors nationwide from July

2004 through April 2011 for between $2,700 and $4,200. Consumers should stop using these recalled heaters immediately. Consumers should contact Lennox to schedule an inspection and, if necessary, repair of the garage heater. Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11197.html

ADP recalls to repair unit heaters due to fire hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with ADP LLC, announced a voluntary recall of the ADP FOA series unit heaters manufactured by Lennox Industries, Inc. Some heaters were manufactured without a required flame rollout switch, which is a back-up device that shuts down the heater in the event of a heater failure. This poses a fire hazard. These unit heaters are separated combustion and gas-fired. The brand name —ADP , the model number and the serial number can be found on the nameplate located inside the control cabinet. The heaters were sold through ADP dealers and distributors nationwide from September 2003 through April 2011 for between $2,700 and $4,200. Consumers shouldstop using these recalled heaters immediately. Consumers should contact ADP to schedule an inspection and, if necessary, repair of the heater. Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11198.html

Defense/ Industry Base Sector

New problem hits LPD 17: bad work documentation. The U.S. Navy's most problem-plagued ship, the San Antonio (LPD 17), has a whole new set of issues, the service said — bad documentation of the work being done to fix it. The San Antonio, first of a class of large amphibious transport dock ships, has been under repair in Norfolk, Virginia, for over a year, with much of the work being done by the Earl Industries shipyard. The work was expanded from its original scope to include a comprehensive effort to fix a wide range of fundamental problems with the ship, which has never been considered fully operational since her delivery in July 2005. Now, said Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), audits of the work being done on the ship's four main propulsion diesels revealed "unacceptable, improper documentation in the overhaul reports" by the makers of the Colt Pielstick diesel engines. "There were missing reports; reports with data indicating out-of-specification conditions without indication of what repairs were performed; and reports with missing data or inconsistent data," NAVSEA said in a statement. A Navy investigation is ongoing to check the work and see if any material deficiencies exist. The San Diego is scheduled to be delivered this summer from Huntington Ingalls Industries at Pascagoula, Mississippi, formerly Northrop Grumman. The Navy plans to build 11 of the 26,000-ton ships. Source: http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6247932&c=AME&s=SEA

Emergency Services

(Florida) **Cops, firefighters' identities stolen in tax return scam.** Tax Day brought a surprise to many South Florida police officers and firefighters after someone stole their identities and filed fraudulent returns in their names. The culprits accessed personal information, possibly through city pension funds administered by a private company. The breach initially appeared to affect up to 400 officers and firefighters in Oakland Park and Delray Beach in Florida but has expanded to include about 125 employees in Davie and at least one police officer in Lauderhill. The scam involved submitting electronic tax returns to the IRS and claiming education credits of $1,000 or more. The U.S. Secret Service and Broward Sheriff's Office are investigating. Authorities have made one arrest so far, a 21-year-old man from Miami. He is charged with 12 counts of using another person's identity without consent. He pleaded not guilty and reportedly was caught with debit cards in the names of a dozen

other people, though his arrest report does not specify whether the names belonged to police officers or firefighters who had had their identities stolen. It is unclear how or where the personal information came from. Source: http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/cops,-firefighters'-identities-stolen-in-tax-return-scam

Energy

(Arizona) **Sheriff's deputies arrest men for trespassing, burglary at Superior SRP plant.** Pinal County Sheriff's deputies arrested two men for burglary and trespassing April 17 in Superior, Arizona, after the men caused more than $15,000 in damages at a Salt River Project (SRP) plant. The two men were taken into custody after security personnel at the SRP plant at 51085 North Cerro Road spotted them as they entered the property and began to cut the copper grounding wire near the facility's fence line, according to a sheriff's report. SRP employees estimated damages of more than $15,000. Both men admitted involvement in the case, and they were booked into the Pinal County Adult Detention Center for one count each of criminal trespassing, possession of burglary tools, burglary and aggravated criminal damage and theft. Source: http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_central_southern_az/other/sheriff's-deputies-arrest-men-for-trespassing,-burglary-at-superior-srp-plant

Food and Agriculture

(New York) **Satur Farms, LLC recalls Satur Farms cilantro because of possible health risk.** Satur Farms of Cutchogue, New York, is recalling 138 pounds of Satur Farms Cilantro because it has the potential to be contaminated with salmonella, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced April 20. The Satur Farms Cilantro was distributed to six customers in New York City and Long Island, New York. The Cilantro was distributed in 1/2 lb. and 1 lb. bulk bags which contained a small white stick-on label with the four-digit lot number 6347. No illnesses have been reported to date. The presence of Salmonella was detected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in a routine test. Satur Farms has voluntarily ceased the distribution of the cilantro. Further investigation has shown that two subsequent lots of Satur Farms cilantro have tested negative for salmonella. However, the seed used has tested suspect and further tests are being conducted on the seed to confirm if it is the source of contamination. None of the recalled cilantro was shipped to retail markets.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm252290.htm

(Massachusetts) **Salmonella test prompts Jonathan's Sprouts recall.** Less than a month after it received a warning letter from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about health claims it was making, Jonathan Sprouts has recalled its conventionally grown alfalfa sprout products, Food Safety News reported April 21. The 35-year-old Rochester, Massachusetts-based sprout farm said the recall was based on routine sampling by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Microbiological Data Program that indicated possible Salmonella contamination. No illnesses were reported. The recall did not include any of the company's organic products. The recall list includes all of Jonathan's conventionally grown sprouts in square plastic containers with sell-by dates of April 23. The products were distributed in New York, New England, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware. The FDA, in a March 24 warning letter, accused Jonathan's of making unauthorized health and nutrient claims

about sprouts. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/jonathans-sprouts-recalls-conventional-alfalfa-sprouts/

NOAA: All Federal waters of the Gulf once closed to fishing due to spill now open. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) April 19 reopened to commercial and recreational fishing 1,041 square miles of Gulf waters immediately surrounding the Deepwater Horizon wellhead, just east of Louisiana. It was the twelfth and final reopening in federal waters since July 22, 2010, and it opened all of the areas in Federal waters formerly closed to fishing due to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The reopening was announced after consultation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and under a reopening protocol agreed to by NOAA, the FDA, and the Gulf states. NOAA sampled this area between November 11 and November 14, 2010, March 12 and March 16, 2011, and March 28 and April 1, 2011, for potentially affected finfish, including tuna, swordfish, and escolar. Sensory analyses of 86 finfish samples and chemical analyses of 112 finfish samples in 8 composites followed the methodology and procedures in the reopening protocol, with sensory analysis finding no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors, and results of chemical analysis for oil-related compounds and dispersants well below the levels of concern. All test results are publicly available. Source: http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2011/20110419_gulfreopening.html

Almost half of meat in stores may have drug-resistant bacteria. Meat in the U.S. may be widely contaminated with strains of drug-resistant bacteria, researchers reported April 15 after testing 136 samples of beef, chicken, pork, and turkey purchased at grocery stores. Almost half of the samples — 47percent — contained strains of Staphylococcus aureus, the type of bacteria that most commonly causes staph infections. Of those bacteria, 52 percent were resistant to at least three classes of antibiotics, according to a study published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases. DNA testing suggested the animals were the source of contamination. The study's leader, an environmental scientist, said the animals most likely harbored these drug-resistant pathogens because antibiotics routinely are fed to livestock to promote growth and prevent disease in crowded pens on large farms. The meat and poultry samples tested in the study represented 80 brands and were purchased in: Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Flagstaff, Arizona; and Washington, D.C. The research was funded by the Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming, which opposes the routine use of antibiotics in animal feed. The American Meat Institute, which represents producers, said April 15 that the country's meat and poultry supply was safe. And data from the CDC show that cases of food-borne illness in the U.S. have declined 20 percent in the past decade. Source: http://www.dailypress.com/health/la-he-meat-contamination-20110416,0,7189474.story

Government Sector (including Schools and Universities)

Social Security Administration exposed data of 36,000 over three years. The Social Security Administration published the names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers of more than 36,000 living people who mistakenly ended up in its Death Master File. According to a report issued by the SSA's Office of the Inspector General, 36,657 people were erroneously included in the SSA's Death Master List, which collects names of recently deceased individuals and is sold to the public. The data was published between May 2007 and April 2010, according to the report. The SSA had already exposed an additional 26,930 individuals' records between July 2006 and January 2009. —We believe

SSA should take additional precautions to limit the number of reporting errors and the amount of personal information published in the DMF—particularly the version sold to the public, the report said. Source: http://www.darkreading.com/authentication/167901072/security/privacy/229401743/social-security-administration-exposed-data-of-36-000-over-three-years.html

Information Technology and Telecommunications

Adobe patches Reader bug early as PDF attacks begin. Adobe April 21 patched a critical bug in Adobe Reader, its PDF viewer, ahead of schedule. Hackers have already begun exploiting the bug in malicious PDF files, Adobe confirmed. Adobe admitted to a Flash Player flaw the week of April 10 after an independent researcher found exploits in embedded Flash files within Microsoft Word and Excel files attached to e-mails. It was the second time in 4 weeks that Adobe had to acknowledge a Flash "zero-day," or unpatched vulnerability that hackers were exploiting. The Flash bug also existed in Adobe Reader and Acrobat, both of which include code that renders Flash content inserted into PDF files. Adobe shipped a patched version of Flash Player April 15. At that time, Adobe said it would fix Reader and Acrobat sometime during the week of April 25. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216062/Adobe_patches_Reader_bug_early_as_PDF_attacks_begin

Gold-themed spam fishing for personal information. Symantec spotted a new spam campaign leveraging the recent news about gold prices. The price for an ounce of gold rose above $1,500 for the first time April 20. Recent global events have made investors turn to gold as the last safe haven investment, and scammers are counting on the fact that people have heard that news and are interesting in doing the same. In a matter of hours, scammers began sending out spam e-mails with —Is Gold Your Ticket To A Golden Future? in the subject line and a link that takes the recipient to a Web site that offers a —free investor kit in exchange for some contact information. —Certain personalities are used in the image for this spam campaign — including [an American conservative television and radio host]. A Google search reveals an interesting angle about [the host] promoting gold investments, a Symantec researcher pointed out. —It seems that the spammer did some research in order to know about the association before propagating this spam campaign. According to the researcher, this is a typical hit-and-run spam campaign — large volumes of spam messages (usually in HTML) sent out in short bursts, quickly rotating domains, and messages usually sent from within the same /24 IP range. Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10942

Facebook begins rolling out two-factor authentication. Facebook has announced a series of safety and security changes which include a new two-factor authentication system and improvements to its HTTPS support. Multi-factor authentication systems combine traditional passwords with additional identification methods, such as one-time-use codes or digital keys. —If you turn this new feature on, we'll ask you to enter a code anytime you try to log into Facebook from a new device. This additional security helps confirm that it's really you trying to log in, announced a director of engineering at Facebook. Facebook also improved its HTTPS implementation, which due to the large amount of external content loaded into the Web site, was impractical for users. The improvement is that users browsing Facebook over HTTPS will now be offered the option to only temporarily switch back to

HTTP when attempting to use applications that do not support such secure connections. Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Facebook-Begins-Rolling-Out-Two-Factor-Authentication-195929.shtml

Malware installs rogue apps on compromised Facebook accounts. A new piece of malware being distributed by Sality uses stolen Facebook credentials to surreptitiously install rogue apps under the corresponding profiles. Sality is the world's top file infecting malware and dates back to 2003. The threat has evolved over the years and was fitted with P2P, self-propagation, and malware distribution functionality. According to security researchers from Symantec, at the beginning of 2011, Sality operators pushed a malicious component through its P2P network that acted as a keylogger and recorded Facebook, Blogger, and MySpace login credentials. The trojan sent the stolen credentials to a command and control (C&C) server, but also stored them locally in an encrypted file to the surprise of security researchers. That was until a new piece of malware recently distributed by Sality began making use of the login details in those encrypted files. It donwloads Internet Explorer automation scripts from a C&C server and uses the stolen credentials to login on the corresponding websites and perform predefined actions. As far as Facebook is concerned, the trojan received instructions to install a rogue application under hijacked accounts. The app, called —VIP Slots, only asked for access to basic account information. Since it does not have permission to post on the victim's wall, the app cannot be used for spamming purposes, but that could change in the future. Other instructions executed by this component involved opening google.com and searching for a predefined set of keywords. The purpose for this is not immediately clear. Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Malware-Forces-Users-to-Install-Rogue-Facebook-Apps-194988.shtml

Security fears still an obstacle to cloud adoption. Sixty-two percent of IT managers state concerns about security as an obstacle to cloud adoption, according to Kaspersky Lab. The research found that among the IT managers and directors surveyed, 41 percent of the businesses are planning to move or have moved their IT operations to the cloud. In addition to security fears, data protection (60 percent) and a perceived lack of regulation (26 percent) were stated as an obstacle to cloud adoption. As a result, almost one in five (18 percent) IT managers said their businesses had considered but rejected the idea of moving any aspect of their IT to the cloud, and almost a quarter (24 percent) had not even considered the cloud as an option. Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10909

National Monuments and Icons

(Texas) **West Texas struggles against wildfires as dry, blustery weather fans the flames.** Firefighters around Possum Kingdom Reservoir, Coke County, and the Trans-Pecos of West Texas are struggling in the state's dry conditions to fight fires, Associated Press reported April 19. Hundreds of homes and weekend retreats around Possum Kingdom, a North Texas lake on the Brazos River, are in the path of the fires, with three fires expected to combine into one massive blaze. Meanwhile, fire crews worked to keep the Coke County fire north of San Angelo and other blazes in the rugged Trans-Pecos away from populated areas. One of the driest spells in Texas history has left most of the state in extreme drought, and wildfires in various parts of the state have burned more than 1,000 square miles of land in the past week — an area that combined would be the size of Rhode Island. A trooper with the

Texas Department of Public Safety said heat from the flames of fires near Possum Kingdom Reservoir on the Brazos River grew so intense April 18 that cinders were sent high into the atmosphere. There, they became icy and fell to the ground in a process called "ice-capping," he said. The fires drove residents from their homes along the shore of the North Texas lake, with at least 18 homes and 2 churches burned. The flames reached a storage building containing fireworks on the reservoir's western shore. Two people who apparently wanted to see the fires from the air died when their single-engine biplane crashed near San Angelo, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said April 18. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/west-texas-struggles-against-wildfires-as-dry-blustery-weather-fans-the-flames/2011/04/19/AF3evA3D_story.html

Postal and Shipping

(California) **Suspicious letter found at Google headquarters in Mountain View.** The FBI is investigating a suspicious letter sent to Google's headquarters April 15 in Mountain View, California. Officials would not say what was in the letter or provide any details on the investigation. They would only say the letter, which arrived at the Googleplex via the U.S. Postal Service, was discovered during the company's regular processing of the mail and was considered —suspicious. An FBI spokesman was not sure whether the campus was evacuated when agents responded. Google representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_17860740?nclick_check=1

Public Health

FDA cracks down on hand sanitizer claims. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported April 21 that some hand sanitizers and antiseptic products come with claims that they can prevent infection from E. coli, Salmonella, the H1N1 flu virus, and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). These statements are unproven and illegal, the FDA said in a news release. FDA said it is cracking down on companies that, without agency review or approval, promote their products as preventing these diseases. "Consumers are being misled if they think these products you can buy in a drug store or from other places will protect them from a potentially deadly infection," said a compliance director at FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "FDA has not approved any products claiming to prevent infection from MRSA, E. coli, Salmonella, or H1N1 flu," she said. "These products give consumers a false sense of protection." Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/fda-cracks-down-on-hand-sanitizer-claims/

Glaxo warns consumers' email addresses, names were compromised. A data breach that has already hit a range of companies in financial services and retailing has also affected drug giant GlaxoSmithKline PLC, which warned consumers in a letter over the weekend that their e-mail addresses and names —were accessed by an unauthorized third party, Wall Street Journal reported April 18. Glaxo said the breach affected consumers who have registered with Glaxo Web sites for some prescription and nonprescription drugs and products. A Glaxo spokeswoman declined to name the product sites affected. Glaxo said the stolen information —may have identified the product website on which you registered. Glaxo is one of many companies that has used Epsilon Data Management LLC to handle its e-mail marketing campaigns. Earlier in April, Epsilon said an —unauthorized third party had hacked into its system and accessed customer information. The breach has affected companies including Citigroup Inc., J.P. Morgan Chase & Co, Walgreen Co., and

Kroger Co. Glaxo said one of the —primary concerns arising from the breach is that consumers may be targeted with illegal —phishing e-mails, which pretend to be from an official source and seek to get people to divulge personal information such as Social Security numbers. Source: http://www.marketwatch.com/story/glaxo-warns-consumers-email-addresses-names-were-compromised-2011-04-18

Transportation

(California) **Laser hits JetBlue flight trying to land in SD.** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials said a JetBlue flight from Boston, Massachusetts was hit by a laser beam as it approached San Diego, California's Lindbergh Field on April 19. The incident happened at about 9:35 p.m. when the Airbus A320 was flying at an altitude of 1,500 feet. It was about 4 miles east of the airport when a green laser light from the ground shot into the cockpit. The pilot was able to land the plane safely and reported the incident to the FAA and to San Diego police. This is the 11th time an airplane has been hit by a laser beam in San Diego this year. According to the FAA, there were 27 laser events in 2010, which puts San Diego among the top 20 airports in the nation for laser incidents. Source: http://www.10news.com/news/27618821/detail.html

Water and Dams

Nothing Significant to Report

North Dakota Homeland Security Contacts

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: Fusion Center (24/7): 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov ; Fax: **701-328-8175**
State Radio: 800-472-2121 Bureau of Criminal Investigation: 701-328-5500 Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455
US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400 Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875 Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241

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